

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Essex County School Board met at Essex School Board Room on January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
Ray Whitaker
Keren Ellis (Absent)
Liz Martin
Carl Slaughter
Gail Pope, Superintendent
Kim Hodges, Clerk
Sharon Saunders, Deputy Clerk
Darnell Carter, Principal EHS
Angela Gross, Principal EIS
Sinclair Harris, Assistant Principal EIS
Patrick Dispirito, Principal TES
Annette Thompson
Mary Coggin
Jon Barnes
Gina Powell
Anthony Walker
Dashan Turner
Brad Hall
Valerie Taylor
Jennifer Lyons
Jacob Plummer
John Clickener
Debra Emery
Bud Smith
Wanda Reynolds
Viola Thompson
Veronica Donahue
David Rector
Denise Hammond
Estelle Smith

The superintendent called the organizational meeting to order.

Dr. Pope opened the floor for nominations.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved Larry Bullis as Board Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board approved Ray Whitaker as Vice Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved Kim Hodges as Clerk.

On a motion by Mr. Bullis, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved Sharon Saunders as Deputy Clerk.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved Keren Ellis as Governor's School Representative.

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved Larry Bullis as Legislative Representative.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved Carl Slaughter as Northern Neck Technical Center Representative.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board approved the 2013 meeting schedule for the School Board to remain the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miss Viola Thompson, president of the senior class, informed the Board of the plan to do a cruise for Prom. A fundraiser is planned to help with the cost associated with the project.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the consent agenda.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the authorization of the superintendent to approve appointments, resignations, transfers, and recommendations for terminations.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the authorization of reassignment of personnel by the superintendent.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board appointed Annette Thompson as Agent and Gail Pope as Deputy Agent to approve payment of invoices.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board appointed Annette Thompson as Designee to Act in the Absence of the Division Superintendent.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bullis, the Board appointed Liz Martin as the Voting Representative for VSBA Insurance Services.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved revised policies GB, GBA/JFHA, JB and JFHA/GBA.

RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Hall gave a slide presentation of the work completed on the Essex High School renovation so far.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gail Pope reported that Dr. Walker, Special Ed. Director, is working on forming a Special Ed. Advisory Committee.

Dr. Pope reported on the security of the schools. She stated that a meeting was held on security especially at the construction site. She also informed the Board that she is looking into installing a buzzer system at TES and EIS. She also mentioned that a security drill will be held with input from local law enforcement.

Mr. Bullis thanked the superintendent and administration.

BOARD'S REPORT

Mr. Bullis gave an update of the superintendent search. He stated that the search had been narrowed down to three candidates. Interviews are set for Saturday.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

2.1-344.177 Pupil Personnel
2.1-344.177.9 Personnel
2.1-344-177.10 Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board returned to regular session.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Essex County School Board had convened a closed meeting of this pursuant to an affirmative record vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of information Act and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

VOTE

AYES 4
NAY 0

Clerk/Deputy Clerk (or Supt.) of Essex County

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board approved the superintendent's recommendation of expulsion of student #012013-B1.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Martin, the Board approved the home schooling request of student #012013-D1. Mr. Whitaker voted nay.

On a motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Essex County School Board met in the Essex County School Board Room on February 6, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Bullis
 Ray Whitaker
 Liz Martin
 Keren Ellis
 Carl Slaughter
 Gail Pope, Superintendent
 Kim Hodges, Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board went into closed session for the following purposes:

2.1-344.177.9 Personnel

2.1-344.177.10 Legal

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Whitaker and seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board returned to regular session.

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VOTE

AYES 5
NAY 0

Clerk/Deputy Clerk (or Supt.) of Essex County

There was no action taken in closed session.

On a motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, the Board adjourned.

Chairman

Clerk/Deputy Clerk